

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Water Rights

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TO THE WATER USERS OF THE LOGAN RIVER WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:

As a result of the unfortunate and untimely passing of Terry Gnehm, there is a need for a recommendation to the State Engineer regarding Terry's replacement as Water Commissioner. The distribution system committee met on June 15th and proposed three candidates for consideration. These candidates are Colleen Gnehm, Dean Martineau, and Ryan Webber. The committee did not reach a consensus as to who should be recommended as commissioner and decided that it should be brought to a vote of the water users.

Therefore, in compliance with Section 73-5-1 Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended, a meeting of the water users with representatives of the State Engineer will be held at the following time and place:

June 30th Thursday 6:00pm Logan City Environmental Center Class Room 450 North 1000 West Logan, Utah

The purpose of the meeting will be to determine which candidate should be recommended as water commissioner based on the majority vote of the water users present at the meeting. The candidates will each be given a few minutes during the meeting to talk about their qualifications and their interest in the position after which the vote will be taken.

To eliminate any misunderstandings during the meeting, I would like to review how voting will be handled. The statute indicates that the decision is to be made based upon the majority of the water users, not the majority of the water use in the system. Therefore, each water user, regardless of the size of the water right, is allowed one vote. For the purposes of water rights administration, the State Engineer defines a water user as an entity or an individual who owns a water right. A shareholder in an irrigation company is not considered a water user in this context because the State Engineer has neither authority nor responsibility regarding shareholders. The following is the list of water users, according to the State Engineers records, on the Logan River Distribution System. Each of these water users will be allowed one vote.

BENSON IRRIG. CO.
CENTRAL MILLING CO.
HYDE PARK IRRIG. CO.
LOGAN & NORTHERN IRRIG. CO.

LOGAN CITY LOGAN COW PASTURE IRRIG. CO. LOGAN ISLAND IRRIG. CO. LOGAN NORTH FIELD IRRIG. CO. LOGAN NORTHWEST FIELD IRRIG. CO. LOGAN-HYDE PARK & SMITHFIELD IRRIG. CO. NEW LOGAN HOLLOW CANAL CO. NIXON, EZRA PARKER, DEAN PROVIDENCE PIONEER IRRIG. CO. PROVIDENCE-LOGAN IRRIG. CO. SEVENTH WARD IRRIG. CO. SOUTHWEST FIELD IRRIG. CO. SUNDAY WATER USERS CANAL CO. THATCHER IRRIG. CO. USDA FOREST SERVICE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

If a water user is unable to attend the meeting, proxy votes will be allowed if the proxy presents at the meeting a written authorization from the water user.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me by phone at (801) 538-7380 or by e-mail at <u>LeeSim@utah.gov</u> or Bob Fotheringham, Regional Engineer, by phone at (435) 752-8755 or by e-mail at <u>BobFotheringham@utah.gov</u>.

Respectfully,

Assistant State Engineer for Distribution

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